	Year	Primary	Secondary	College
	1113	14,035	1,334	15
	1114	14,066	1,528	16
	1115	14,121	1,875	18
		Rs.	*Rs.*	*Rs.*
(*b*)	1106	25,423	4,278	,,
	1107	29,521	5,424	90
	1108	28,825	8,731	300
	1109	29,736	9,885	421
	1110	36,409	12,898	550
	1111	36,291	15,663	467
	1112	31,989	14,566	422
	1113	24,741	15,738	600
	1114	Separate figures		2,067
	1115	not available		2,969

(*c*) No information is available.

(*d*) Separate accounts are not maintained for the concessions given to the depressed class converts.

DEPRESSED CLASS CONVERTS—EDUCATIONAL CONCESSIONS—CHANGE IN RULE

358. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* (*a*) Will Government be pleased to state whether there is an express provision in the Education Code to the effect that a depressed class convert is also entitled to educational concessions;

(*b*) if so, why was this rule changed; when and at whose instance?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* (*a*) There was the following provision in the Education Code.—

"Converts to other religions from communities classed as depressed shall be eligible for all the educational concessions granted to the depressed classes."

(*b*) The rule was changed in accordance with the view of the majority of the members of the Advisory Committee on Panchayats, Uplift, etc., Departments that the concessions to depressed class converts should be stopped.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to the reply given to sub-divisions (c) and (*d*) of question No. 356, may I know

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whether the Government stopped these concessions without knowing the total savings that would accrue to Government as a result of this?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was not based upon the question of loss and gain. It was based upon a certain principle which was enunciated in this House yesterday.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* May I know whether the financial benefits that would accrue to other Hindu depressed classes in case the concession to converts was stopped was considered, when this question was settled?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* That was not considered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* That is a relevant point that you might have taken into consideration. Now the reply seems to be curious.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Can the Hindu depressed classes claim as a matter of right this surplus amount derived as a result of stopping the concessions to depressed class converts?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is the department that spends the money. There will be no question of surplus especially when, as I said yesterday, out of 258 depressed class boys studying in the Industrial Schools only 160 are being given concessions.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So, does it mean that the amount which was formerly spent for the benefits of the depressed class converts is being used for the Hindu depressed classes now?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* The amount is spent on depressed classes and not on Caste Hindus, Mohammedans or Christians.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So the whole amount will be used for the use of the depressed classes?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Yes.

Mr. K. Kochukunhan Kaimal *(Vadakkancheri):* Is there not an increase in the number of depressed class pupils who get these concessions? The figures show that every year there is an increase in the number of pupils admitted and who are given these concessions, so that the amount goes not to the benefit of any other community. It enures to the benefit of that community.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* This is a progressive measure, and as years go by, the number will be

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increased. As it is, their number is increasing now as could be seen from the figures.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is the Education Department under the portfolio of the Hon'ble Minister?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* What do you think? I know only as much as you do.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am in doubt. I find that the Education Code has been amended at the instance of the Hon'ble Minister.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It was not changed at the instance of the Hon'ble Minister. The change was effected by a Government order.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* But you are responsible for the Government order.

Mr. President: Have you any objection if the powers of the Minister are extended like that?

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Never, never; I have no objection *(Laughter).*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* With reference to answer to sub-division (*b*) of question No. 358 it is stated that the rule has been changed in accordance with the views of the majority of the members of the Advisory Committee. The rule cannot be changed without issuing an amendment to the Code.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* The Code is not amended by legislation. It is amended by correction slips issued by Government from time to time, and this is a new correction.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* So, was this correction issued?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Oh, yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Does not this money come from the Uplift budget?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is there a community known as Hindu Depressed Class Community?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* They are called depressed classes. The term "depressed classes" connotes a group of communities of varying development. They certainly come under the classification "Hindu".

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Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the religion of the depressed classes?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Anybody's religion. Simply repeating certain things is considered to be your religion *(Laughter).*

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഇന്നയിന്ന ജാതിക്കാരാണ് ഡിപ്രസ്ഡ് ക്ലാസ്സ് കമ്മ്യൂണിറ്റിയിൽ പെട്ടവർ എന്ന ലിസ്റ്റിലല്ലേ?

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there any Muhammadan depressed classes? *(Laughter)*

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. കുട്ടി: ഈ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ പെട്ടവക്കല്ലെ ഈ ആനുകൂല്യത്തിനു് അവകാശമുള്ളു. ഇപ്പോൾ വാദിക്കുന്നതു അതിൽ പെടാത്തവക്കും കിട്ടണമെന്നല്ലെ?

ഡോക്ടർ എ. ആർ. മേനോൻ: അതെ.

Mr. President: Order, order. Who are all depressed classes have been clearly defined by Government.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Now, since a question came from the other corner that there are Hindu depressed classes, I wanted to know whether there are any other caste depressed classes.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Without any leading questions we can understand that.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether these educational concessions were not granted even before the Depressed Classes Department came into existence?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* That is a question which is difficult to answer, because as the work of uplift which was being administered by the Education Department increased, it was separated. The uplift work just as the Industries Department was being managed by the head of the Education Department. Originally, there was not enough of this branch of work. So the Director was doing all the work. But, when the volume of work was increased, it was separated and a separate head of department was appointed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Even after the constitution of the Depressed Class Department, may I know whether educational concessions were granted by the Education Department apart from the other questions?

Mr. President: In fact, we are granting them even today. Nambudiries, for instance, get certain educational concessions. The Muslims also get these concessions.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Was the whole amount spent from the depressed classes budget?

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Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* Not from the depressed classes budget.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* This is what the Education Code says : A class or community can be styled as backward or depressed only from the conception of literacy and in the term "backward class" shall be included Nambudiries, Muhammadans, Jews, Kallans, etc. Therefore, so far as Educational Code is concerned, there is a certain community styled as backward or depressed from the point of view of literacy.

Mr. President: The word "backward" does not mean the alternative word "depressed." For example, the Nambudiri community is a backward community in point of view of education whereas the Pulaya community is a depressed class community. The two are not interchangeable words.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* The term "backward class" includes, Kanakkan, Velan and so on. In the very same Code it is stated, "in the case of children of the depressed classes attending the schools the change of religion will not make them ineligible for these concessions". Then again it is stated, "converts to other religions from communities classed as 'depressed' shall be eligible for all the educational concessions granted to the depressed classes." Of course, in the case of these converts, they may have to produce certificates of conversion from churches or mosques or from the Aryasamaj priests as the case may be. What I say is, even before this particular department was constituted by the Government, educational concessions were being granted to certain communities, taking into consideration the point of literacy obtaining in that community.

Mr. President: Assuming that is correct, that has been deliberately changed now by an order of the Minister.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* I submit that with regard to that matter the scope of reference to the Advisory Committee does not take in the change of principle. Consistent with the principle, of course, they can make suggestions. Now it is stated that the committee has been appointed with a view to advise Government in the matter of fair distribution of the monies allocated to that department. That does not mean that a change of principle is involved in that reference and power has been granted to them to make such a recommendation. That is only a committee appointed by the Council.

The point is at the time when the Code was written up it is very doubtful whether there was even a department for depressed classes

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alone. What I beg to submit is, these concessions were granted long before the constitution of that department. Therefore, unless there are very strong grounds to show that there must be a deviation in the principle Government should not order a change. The point is, under this change, there is a premium given to a member of the depressed class community to remain in that community and enjoy this right.

Mr. President: I think there should be a limit. I have already shown a great latitude in allowing these supplementary questions. But I cannot allow this speech-making.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know, Sir, whether the Education Advisory Committee was consulted before the Code was revised?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):* I want notice. I will inform the hon'ble member that there is nothing in the rules as they stand that this is a particular subject where the Advisory Committee should be consulted. According to the rules Government can from time to time issue amendments to the Code by issuing a notification.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* The provision in the Code was before the constitution of the Advisory Committees. But after the constitution of the Advisory Committee it has been the policy of the Government that they should be generally guided by the Committee.

Mr. President: As a matter of fact, every amendment to the Code was not placed before the Advisory Committee. This is not necessary also.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether this does not come within the portfolio of the Minister?

Mr. President: The Minister has definitely taken the responsibility for it. He has stated that fact himself in most unambiguous terms.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* That is, in the change of a provision of the Education Code the Minister can exercise his right.

Mr. President: Government is one and indivisible. There is no such thing as Ministerial Government or Diwan's Government. All orders are passed by the Government of Cochin. The Minister passes orders within the purview of his department, and if as a consequence of passing such an order, some Code in any other department not coming under the Minister's portfolio should be amended, Government naturally amends that Code, because

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Government is one. If, on the other hand, I pass an order as a result of which a consequential amendment should be made in a Code administered by the Minister, then that also is done.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* In case there is a conflict between the Minister and the Diwan, what would happen?

Mr. President: We have avoided conflicts like that so far *(Laughter).*

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In the Code, it is stated that converts to other religions from the depressed classes shall be eligible for all the educational concessions granted to the depressed classes. May I know, Sir, whether this rule means that a student from the depressed class community who has been receiving these concessions, if converted into some other religion, will continue to receive them, or is it for the purpose of finding out the depressed classes converted to other religions and then give them the concessions? Suppose a depressed class boy who was enjoying these concessions was converted into Christianity and he goes to the school. Will he get these concessions under the Code? There may be cases where a depressed class boy getting these concessions as a depressed class boy gets converted and even after his conversion, continues to get the benefit of these concessions. It is to take into such cases that this rule was made. I think this rule was not made initially to give concessions to a boy who enters the school after his conversion.

Mr. President: It is clear now that a boy getting concessions as a depressed class boy, if he converts to any other religion, will not get them hereafter.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* In the Education Code they have included Arya Samajists also. May I know whether the Arya Samajist converts will get the concessions hereafter?

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon *(Kattur):* If a depressed class is converted into any other community, will he get the concession for the purpose of appointment?

Mr. President: He will get the concession under the class to which he belongs for the time being.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews-Nominated):* Can these converts become depressed again, if they renounce their latter faith? *(Laughter)*

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* I would like to get an answer for my question.

Mr. President: There is a well-known decision by the Privy Council long ago, *i.e.*, the Arya Samajists and Brahma Samajists do not cease to be Hindus.

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Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Rural):* May I know whether the converts know that these concessions come from the Government? I do not want an answer.

Mr. President: Generally, members ask questions intending to have an answer *(Laughter)*.

SHORTAGE IN MERCHANT SHIPPING—EFFECT ON TRADE OF COCHIN

359. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ബഹു മാനപ്പെട്ട ഗവൺമെണ്ടിൽനിന്നും ദയവായി മറുപടി പറയുമോ .—

(എ) ചരക്കുകപ്പലുകൾ കയറ്റിറക്കു ചെയ്യുന്നതിനുള്ള കപ്പലുകളുടെ പോരായ്മയാണു് കൊച്ചിയിലെ വാണിജ്യത്തിനു് വിഘാതമായി തീർന്നിരിക്കുന്നതെന്നു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു മനസ്സിലാക്കീട്ടുണ്ടോ ;

(ബി) ഉണ്ടെങ്കിൽ ആയതു പരിഹരിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള മാർഗ്ഗങ്ങളെപ്പറ്റി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു ചിന്തിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അച്യുതമേനോൻ :

(എ) ചരക്കുകപ്പലുകളുടെ കുറവുകൊണ്ടു് കൊച്ചിയിലെ കച്ചവടത്തിനു് മാന്ദ്യം സംഭവിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു് ഗവൺമെണ്ടിന്നറിയാം.

(ബി) ഇതു കൊച്ചിയെ മാത്രം ബാധിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു സംഗതിയല്ല. യുദ്ധം നിമിത്തം കപ്പൽ ഗതാഗതത്തിനുണ്ടായിട്ടുള്ള തടസ്സം ഹേതുവായി ലോകത്തിലെവിടേയും കച്ചവടത്തിനു കോട്ടം തട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ടു്. ഉടനടി ഒരു പരിഹാരമാർഗ്ഗം ഉണ്ടാക്കുന്നതു് അത്ര എളുപ്പമല്ലാ.

APPOINTMENT MADE BY THE STAFF SELECTION BOARD—FROM DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES—PARTICULARS OF

360. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of applications received up-to-date from each of the thirteen communities by the Staff Selection Board ever since its establishment;

(*b*) the number of appointments given to each community, the appointments being classified according to the salaries attached to them;

(*c*) the number of permanent appointments given to each community, the appointments being classified according to the salaries?

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